

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Twice Amended) A removably replaceable label comprising:  
an elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;  
wherein said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface [thereto], an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet, and  
wherein said sheet has a score extending a predetermined distance from said one of said first end and said second end toward the other one of said one of said first end and said second end.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The label according to claim 1, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end.
4. (Original) The label according to claim 1, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.
5. (Once Amended) The label according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied to said adhesive coating in a location that is spaced from said top edge and said [bosom] bottom edge.
6. (Once Amended) The label according to claim [2]1, wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

7. (Once Amended) The label according to claim [2]1, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.
8. (Original) The label according to claim 1, wherein said sheet is made from an olefin film.
9. (Original) The label according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive is an emulsion acrylic adhesive.
10. (Once Amended) The label according to claim [2]1, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is a varnish.
11. (Original) The label according to claim 3, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is a varnish.
12. (Original) The label according to claim 1, wherein said indicia includes information selected from a biological product and a radioactive medical product.
13. (Original) A label comprising:  
an elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;  
said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface, an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end and to a strip of said adhesive coating extending for a predetermined distance toward said second end of said elongated sheet.

14. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said strip is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.

15. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end.

16. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.

17. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said sheet has a score extending a predetermined distance from said one of said first end and said second end toward the other one of said one of said first end and said second end.

18. (Original) The label according to claim 17, wherein said score is substantially coextensive with a boundary on said rear surface between said adhesive coating and said adhesive reducing coating.

19. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

20. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said sheet is made from an olefin film.

21. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said adhesive is an emulsion acrylic adhesive.

22. (Original) The label according to claim 17, wherein the predetermined distance that said adhesive reducing coating extends is approximately equal to the predetermined distance that said score extends.

23. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

24. (Original) The label according to claim 17, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is a varnish.

25. (Original) The label according to claim 13, wherein said indicia includes information selected from a biological product and a radioactive medical product.

26. (Twice Amended) A label comprising:

an elongated sheet having a [from] front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet being made from an uniaxially oriented material, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof, said sheet has a score extending a predetermined distance from one of said first end and said second end toward the other one of said one of said first end and said second end; and

said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface[thereto].

27. (Original) The label according to claim 26, further comprising an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet.

28. (Original) The label according to claim 27, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied adjacent to said first end and along said score.
29. (Original) The label according to claim 26, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied adjacent to said first end and along said score.
30. (Original) The label according to claim 28, wherein said strip of said adhesive coating extends from said first end to said second end along said score.
31. (Original) The label according to claim 28, wherein said strip is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.
32. (Original) The label according to claim 26, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end.
33. (Original) The label according to claim 26, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.
34. (Original) The label according to claim 26, wherein said score is substantially coextensive with a boundary on said rear surface between said removable portion and said remainder portion.
35. (Original) The label according to claim 26, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is a varnish.
36. (Original) The label according to claim 35, wherein said indicia includes information selected from a biological product and a radioactive medical product.

37. (Original) The label according to claim 26, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.

38. (Twice Amended) A medical container comprising:

an outer surface; and

a removable replaceable readherable label comprising:

an elongated sheet being adhesively connected to said outer surface, said elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;

wherein said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface [thereto], an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet,

wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending therefrom, thereby forming a new first end.

39. (Original) The container according to claim 38, wherein said indicia includes information selected from a biological product and a radioactive medical product.

40. (Original) The container according to claim 38, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied adjacent to said first end and to a strip of said adhesive coating extending for a predetermined distance toward said second end of said elongated sheet.

41. (Original) The container according to claim 40, wherein said strip of said adhesive coating extends from said first end to said second end.

42. (Original) The container according to claim 41, wherein said strip is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.

Claim 43. (Canceled)

44. (Once Amended) The container according to claim 38, [wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end,] wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.

45. (Original) The container according to claim 38, wherein said sheet has a score extending a predetermined distance from said one of said first end and said second end toward the other one of said one of said first end and said second end.

46. (Original) The container according to claim 45, wherein said score is substantially coextensive with a boundary on said rear surface between said adhesive coating and said adhesive reducing coating.

47. (Original) The container according to claim 46, wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

Claim 48. (Cancelled)

49. (Once Amended) The container according to claim [48]45, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.

50. (Original) The container according to claim 38, wherein said container further comprises a plurality of removable replaceable readherable labels adhesively connected to said outer surface.

51. (Original) The container according to claim 38, wherein said sheet further comprises a plurality of removable portions.

52. (New) The label according to claim 1, wherein said removable portion includes the entire top edge and said remainder portion includes the entire bottom edge.

53. (New) A removably replaceable label comprising:

an elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said

removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;

wherein said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface, an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet, and

wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end.

54. (New) The label according to claim 53, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.

55. (New) The label according to claim 53, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied to said adhesive coating in a location that is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.

56. (New) The label according to claim 54, wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

57. (New) The label according to claim 54, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.

58. (New) The label according to claim 53, wherein said sheet is made from an olefin film.

59. (New) The label according to claim 53, wherein said adhesive is an emulsion acrylic adhesive.

60. (New) The label according to claim 53, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is a varnish.

61. (New) The label according to claim 53, wherein said removable portion includes the entire top edge and said remainder portion includes the entire bottom edge.

62. (New) A removably replaceable label comprising:

an elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;

said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface, an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet,

wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

63. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end.

64. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.

65. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied to said adhesive coating in a location that is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.

66. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.

67. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said sheet is made from an olefin film.

68. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said adhesive is an emulsion acrylic adhesive.

69. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is a varnish.

70. (New) The label according to claim 62, wherein said removable portion includes the entire top edge and said remainder portion includes the entire bottom edge.

71. (New) A medical container comprising:

an outer surface; and

a removable replaceable readherable label comprising:

an elongated sheet being adhesively connected to said outer surface, said elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;

wherein said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface, an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet, and

wherein said sheet has a score extending a predetermined distance from said one of said first end and said second end toward the other one of said one of said first end and said second end.

72. (New) The container according to claim 71, wherein said indicia includes information selected from a biological product and a radioactive medical product.

73. (New) The container according to claim 71, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied adjacent to said first end and to a strip of said adhesive coating extending for a predetermined distance toward said second end of said elongated sheet.

74. (New) The container according to claim 73, wherein said strip of said adhesive coating extends from said first end to said second end.

75. (New) The container according to claim 74, wherein said strip is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.

76. (New) The container according to claim 71, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.

77. (New) The container according to claim 76, wherein said score is substantially coextensive with a boundary on said rear surface between said adhesive coating and said adhesive reducing coating.

78. (New) The container according to claim 77, wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

79. (New) The container according to claim 71, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.

80. (New) The container according to claim 71, wherein said container further comprises a plurality of removable replaceable readherable labels adhesively connected to said outer surface.

81. (New) The container according to claim 71, wherein said sheet further comprises a plurality of removable portions.

82. (New) The label according to claim 71, wherein said removable portion includes the entire top edge and said remainder portion includes the entire bottom edge.

83. (New) A medical container comprising:

an outer surface; and

a removable replaceable readherable label comprising:

an elongated sheet being adhesively connected to said outer surface, said elongated sheet having a front surface, a rear surface and a first end, a second end, a top edge and a bottom edge, said sheet comprising of a removable portion and a remainder portion, said removable portion and said remainder portion each having identifying indicia printed on a front surface thereof;

said rear surface having an adhesive coating applied to substantially the entire surface, an adhesive reducing coating being applied to said adhesive coating adjacent to said first end of said elongated sheet,

wherein said sheet is made from an uniaxially oriented material.

84. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said indicia includes information selected from a biological product and a radioactive medical product.

85. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied adjacent to said first end and to a strip of said adhesive coating extending for a predetermined distance toward said second end of said elongated sheet.

86. (New) The container according to claim 85, wherein said strip of said adhesive coating extends from said first end to said second end.

87. (New) The container according to claim 86, wherein said strip is spaced from said top edge and said bottom edge.

88. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending therefrom, thereby forming a new first end.

89. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said first end includes a tab portion extending from the removable portion thereof, thereby forming a new first end, wherein said adhesive reducing coating is applied on said new first end.

90. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said sheet has a score extending a predetermined distance from said one of said first end and said second end toward the other one of said one of said first end and said second end.

91. (New) The container according to claim 90, wherein said score is substantially coextensive with a boundary on said rear surface between said adhesive coating and said adhesive reducing coating.

92. (New) The container according to claim 90, wherein said sheet is oriented in a direction that said score extends.

93. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said container further comprises a plurality of removable replaceable readherable labels adhesively connected to said outer surface.

94. (New) The container according to claim 83, wherein said sheet further comprises a plurality of removable portions.

95. (New) The label according to claim 83, wherein said removable portion includes the entire top edge and said remainder portion includes the entire bottom edge.

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### **Status of the Claims under 37 CFR 1.173(c)**

Claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 44, and 49 are once amended. Claim 5 was amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 6, 7, 10, and 49 were amended to account for changes in dependencies resulting from cancelled claims. Claim 44 was amended to avoid a redundancy in reciting the feature of cancelled claim 43, now recited in independent claim 38, from which claim 44 depends.

Claims 1, 26, and 38 are twice amended. Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the features of now-cancelled claim 2, and correct the typographic error described below. Claim 26 was amended to correct the typographic error described below. Claim 38 was amended to incorporate the features of now-cancelled claim 43, and to correct the typographic error described below.

Claims 52-95 were new in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 31, 2001. Claim 52 depends from claim 1, and further narrows the configuration of the removable portion and the remainder portion, limiting the former to the entire top edge and the latter to the entire bottom edge. Support for the claim is present, for example, in originally issued claim 1 and Figures 2A, 2B, and 2C. Claims 53-95 are combinations of the originally issued independent claims amended to incorporate some features of the originally issued dependent claims

Claims 2, 43, and 48 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3-42, 44-47, and 49-95 are now pending.